



**COUNTY OF STILLWATER**  
**STATE OF MONTANA**  
**STILLWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**P. O. BOX 970**  
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EXHIBIT 2  
DATE Jan 31, 2011  
HB 11

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Montana State  
Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning

**RE: Stillwater County Strongly Opposes HB 11**

Distinguished Chairman and Members:

Stillwater County strongly **OPPOSES** HB 11 and urges the Governor and state legislators to maintain the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) as currently funded and administered.

Stillwater County has participated in 4 TSEP cycles receiving over \$1,600,332 over the past ten (10) years. The projects included sixteen bridges that covered all 9 communities in Stillwater County. Stillwater County could not have afforded these bridges if there had not been matching funds through TSEP.

Stillwater County believes the TSEP program should remain as presently funded and administered.

Sincerely,

**STILLWATER BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Dennis Shupak, Chairman

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